

C H A P. V.

An ACT to ratify, approve and confirm the Provisional Agreement made and entered into by Commissioners on the part of this Province, and Commissioners on the part of the Province of Lower Canada.

WHEREAS by articles of provisional agreement, made and entered into at Montreal, on the twenty-eighth day of January, in the thirty-seventh year of his present Majesty's reign, by commissioners nominated and appointed on behalf of the province of Upper Canada, under, and by virtue of an act of the Legislature thereof, passed in the thirty-sixth year of his Majesty's reign, entitled, "An act to authorize the Lieutenant Governor to nominate and appoint certain commissioners, for the purposes therein mentioned, and commissioners nominated and appointed in behalf of the province of Lower Canada, by an act of the Provincial Parliament thereof, passed in the thirty-sixth year of his Majesty's reign, entitled, "An act for appointing commissioners on behalf of this province, to treat further with commissioners on behalf of the province of Upper Canada for the purposes therein mentioned, it was agreed in manner and form following, that is to say:—

*Recital of the
provisional agree-
ment made in
1797.*

I. That the Legislature of Upper Canada will not impose any duties whatever on any goods, wares, or merchandizes, imported or brought into Lower Canada, and passing into Upper Canada; nor on any article the growth, produce, or manufacture of Lower Canada, passing into Upper Canada; but will allow and admit the Legislature of Lower Canada to impose and levy such reasonable duties on such goods, wares, and merchandizes, and such articles aforesaid, as they may judge expedient, for the purpose of raising a revenue within the province of Lower Canada.

II. In consideration of the Legislature of Upper Canada relinquishing the imposition of duties as aforesaid, the Legislature of Lower Canada will allow a just proportion of the duties imposed by them, to be paid to Upper Canada; and in order to ascertain such proportion, a fit and proper person shall be appointed, at the joint and equal expence of both provinces, to reside at Coteau du Lac, as inspector, for the purpose of demanding and receiving accounts of articles subject to duties contained in boats, canoes, and carriages passing by that place.

III. That it shall be enacted by the Legislature of Lower Canada, that the said inspector shall have authority to stop at Coteau du Lac, before passing the locks upwards, all boats and canoes, until that there shall be delivered him a written account, signed by the person or persons who shall have furnished the lading of any such boat or canoe, or brigade thereof, or who shall have dispatched, or who shall accompany the same, specifying the qualities of such articles subject to duties in Lower Canada, as are contained in such boat or canoe, or brigade thereof; and if the said inspector shall have reason to believe